

Application No. 10/675,519

Amdt. dated 3-03-2005

Reply to Office Action of 11-03-2004

Attorney Docket No. 1217-031920

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 4A and B. This sheet, which includes Figures 4A and 4B, replaces the original sheet including Figures 4A and 4B. Changes incorporated in this Replacement sheet are highlighted on the attached Annotated sheet wherein the Figures have been separately labeled.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Copy Showing Changes

REMARKS

Drawings

The drawings stand objected to because Figs. 4A and 4B are not labeled separately. In response, Applicants submit herewith a Replacement sheet wherein Figs. 4A and 4B have been labeled separately.

Specification

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure because of the use of legal phraseology, i.e., "means". The Abstract has been amended herein to delete the phraseology.

The Examiner also requested that the lengthy specification be checked for possible errors. Applicants aver that the specification was carefully examined prior to the Office Action and, as a result, a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment was filed January 9, 2004, to correct errors in the specification.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note that the Examiner has indicated claims 1-24 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as set forth below.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

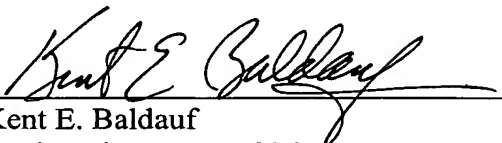
Claims 1-24 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. The Examiner asserts that the claims are generally narrative and indefinite in nature and appear to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors.

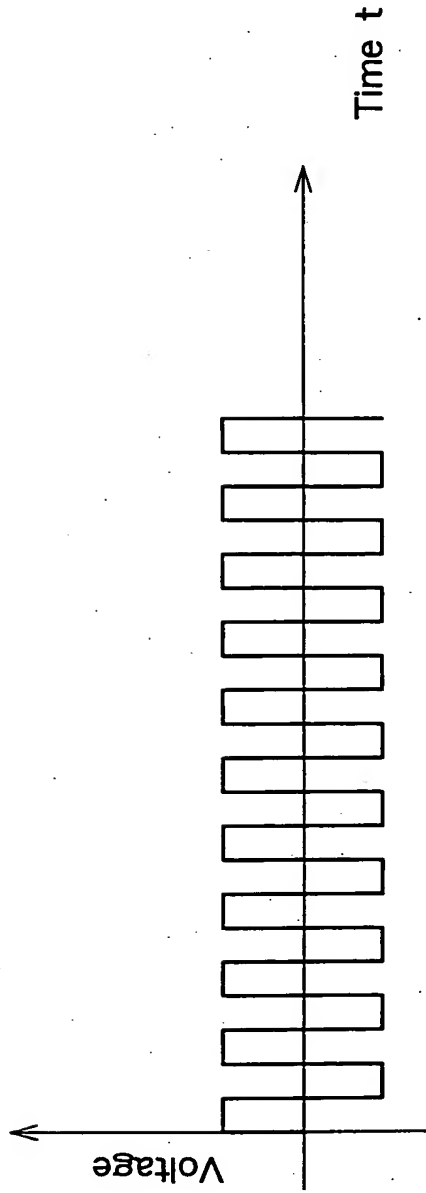
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Applicants have amended claims 1-24 to particularly point out the structure of the invention and to remedy the other noted issues. It is believed that claims 1-24 are in condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

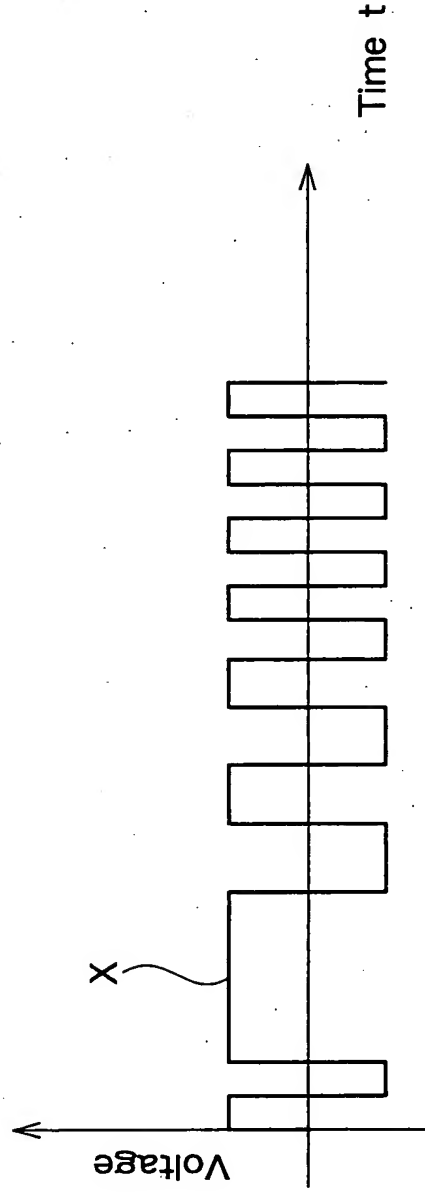
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Fig. 4A



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Fig. 4B